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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 7, 2003, and pursuant to Rule 111 of the Rules of Practice, please enter the amendments and consider the remarks below. Applicants transmit herewith: 1) a Petition for an Extension of Time for Response for two month from July 7, 2003 up to and including September 8, 2003 (September 7, 2003 being a Sunday), accompanied by the appropriate fee; and 2) an Amendment Fee Transmittal.